CONCEPT SITE PLAN REPORT

to the

Carroll County Planning and Zoning Commission October 15, 2024

Prepared by David Becraft, Bureau of Development Review

SUBJECT: S-23-0028 – Primrose School Childcare Facility

LOCATION: North side of Dickenson Road, east of West Hemlock Drive; C.D. 05

OWNER: Tract Z-1 Property, LLC, 9405 Parsley Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042

(Members: Scott O. Miller, William J. Iampieri)

DEVELOPER: Primrose Schools, P.O. Box 322, New Castle, NH 03854

ENGINEER: Leon A. Podolak and Associates, LLC, 147 East Main Street,

Westminster, MD 21157

ZONING: Commercial Medium Intensity (C-2)

ACREAGE: 2.2025 acres

WATERSHED: Liberty Reservoir

FIRE DISTRICT: Sykesville/Freedom

MASTER PLAN: Commercial-Medium – 2018 Freedom Community Comprehensive

Plan

PRIORITY

FUNDING AREA: Freedom

DESIGNATED

GROWTH AREA: Freedom

Action Required:

The plan is before the Planning and Zoning Commission per Chapter 155 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County for review of a concept site plan. **No action is required.**

The Planning Commission may consider delegating approval of the final site plan to the Planning Commission Chair.

***** Existing Conditions:

The subject property is vacant and forested with no streams or floodplains on site. It fronts Dickenson Road, a service road paralleling Liberty Road, MD Route 26, with existing sidewalk along the entire frontage. To the west and north, the property adjoins The Hemlocks, an R-20,000-zoned subdivision built with single family residences (see plat attached). To the east lies the Oklahoma Road Middle School property, owned by the Board of Education. The subject property and all surrounding properties lie in the Freedom existing public water and sewer service areas.

Dickenson Road was extended westward in 2000 with the Miller-Iampieri development of the Dickenson Road Business Complex. It was then further extended westward in 2008 with Miller-Iampieri's Carroll Station Planned Business Center. In 2003, the subject property was platted as Tract Z of the subdivision of the Miller-Iampieri Property with a note prohibiting a building permit or zoning certificate from being issued prior to a plan being approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission (see attached). The note was carried forward to the 2009 amended plat of the Miller-Iampieri property with an addition of a "Non-Buildable" notation on Tract Z-1 (see attached). The final segment to connect Dickenson Road through to West Hemlock Drive was completed by the County in 2011. An amended plat is being processed concurrently with the site plan which will remove the non-buildable annotation.

❖ Plan Review:

The concept site plan was subject to citizen involvement at the December 18, 2023 meeting of the Technical Review Committee. One citizen attended voicing a desire for buffering the neighborhood from the new childcare facility.

The developer proposes to construct a 13,500 square foot building to be utilized as a childcare facility. Building elevations are shown on sheet 13 of the drawings set and annotated as 35 feet at the cupola and 18 feet at the flat roof. Exterior materials proposed include board & batten siding, stone veneer, and a metal roof. A lighting plan is provided on sheet 5 depicting polemounted parking lot lights mounted at 27 feet above grade. The final site plan shall include a photometric plan.

Parking requirements for a childcare facility are 1 space per employee plus 1 space per 10 children. Parking has been calculated for 25 employees and 189 children, totaling 44 required spaces. There are 45 spaces proposed.

A traffic impact study (TIS) was conducted for this development and concluded that no road improvements are necessitated. Access is proposed from two points on Dickenson Road which correspond to the access points for Carroll Station Planned Business Center on the south side of Dickenson Road. In 2008 when the Business Center was approved, Dickenson Road did not connect through to West Hemlock Drive. The County completed the service road extension in 2011. Engineering Review commented that sight distance at both access points does not meet Carroll County standards and variance requests have been approved by the Bureau of Engineering.

Sheet 16 depicts the single monument sign to be located at Dickenson Road between the two entry drives. The proposed sign will be double sided and has proposed dimensions of 8 feet tall and 9 feet wide. Materials and colors are noted as board & batten and stone to match the building. A sign tabulation for the site is provided on sheet 1. Total area permitted by code is calculated to be 632 square feet. Total signage proposed equals 92 square feet.

The concept plan was presented to the Design and Architectural Review Committee on August 13, 2024. The Committee made the following recommendations:

- 1. A building with more of a "residential character" is recommended.
- 2. A parapet is recommended to hide those items on the roof.
- 3. Additional screening along the residential properties is recommend.

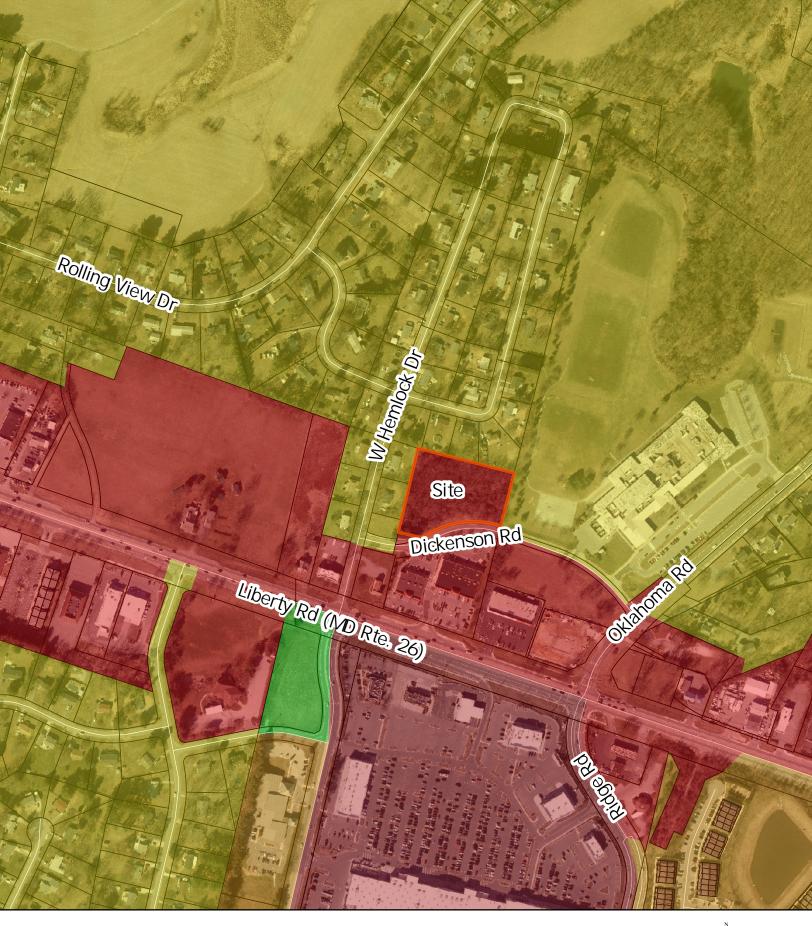
Landscaping is shown along the property frontage of Dickenson Road, at the residential property lines and the common property line with the school, and surrounding the proposed dumpster enclosure. Landscape Review has granted concept approval of the plan. Forest

Conservation will be addressed by off-site banking and has been conceptually approved. Site Compliance as deemed the proposal ADA compliant and has granted approval.

The Bureau of Utilities has granted approval of the plan with proposed water and sewer connections to those lines within Dickenson Road. The Zoning Administration has approved the plan.

The Bureau of Resource Management has granted concept Stormwater Management approval. Stormwater management (SWM) will be addressed with bio-retention facilities, an underground detention facility, non-rooftop disconnects to a grass channel located at the northernmost property line, and a detention pipe. Stormwater overflow will convey through a new stormdrain pipe on the Oklahoma Road Middle School grounds to an outfall. The owner / developer has been working with Carroll County Public Schools Facilities Management and has obtained an easement over the school grounds.

The site plan will be tested and reviewed for adequacy of public facilities in accordance with Chapter 155 of the Code of Public Laws and Ordinances of Carroll County Maryland.

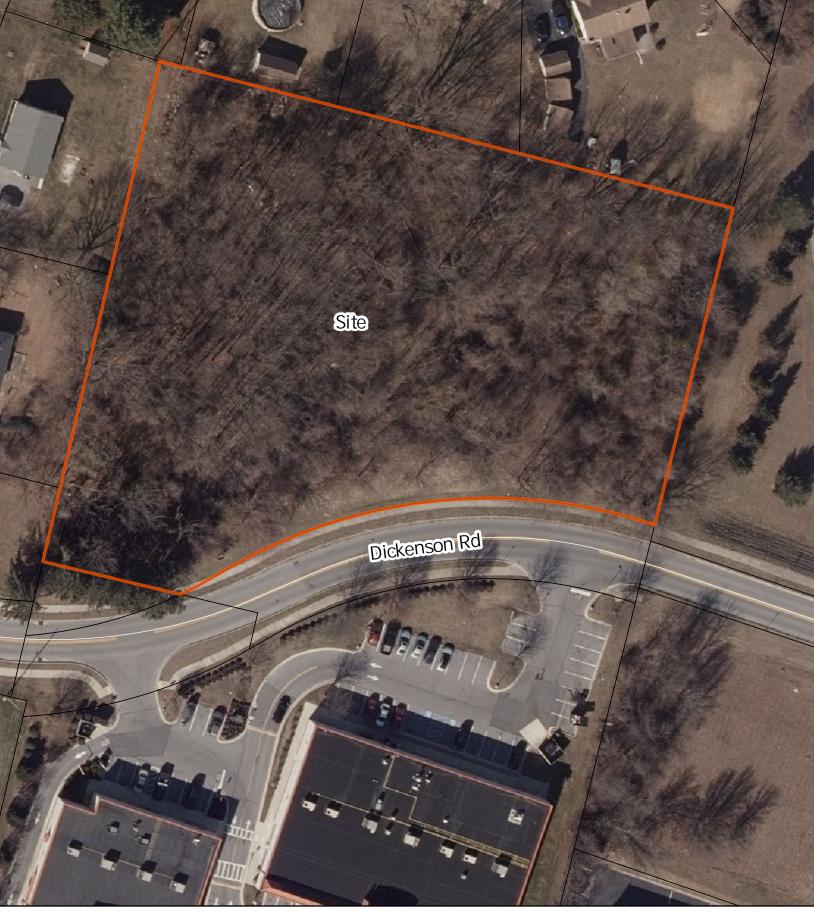




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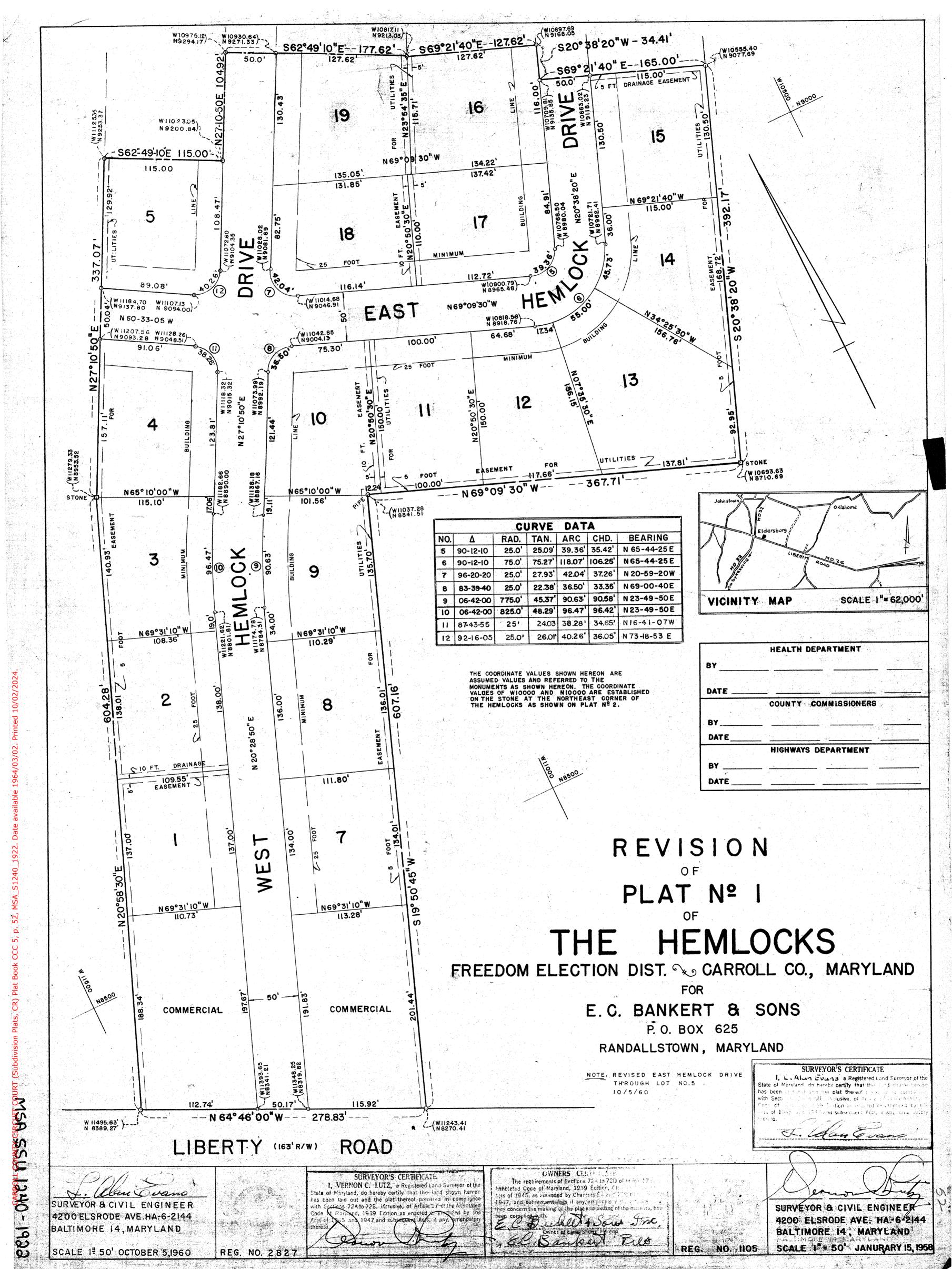
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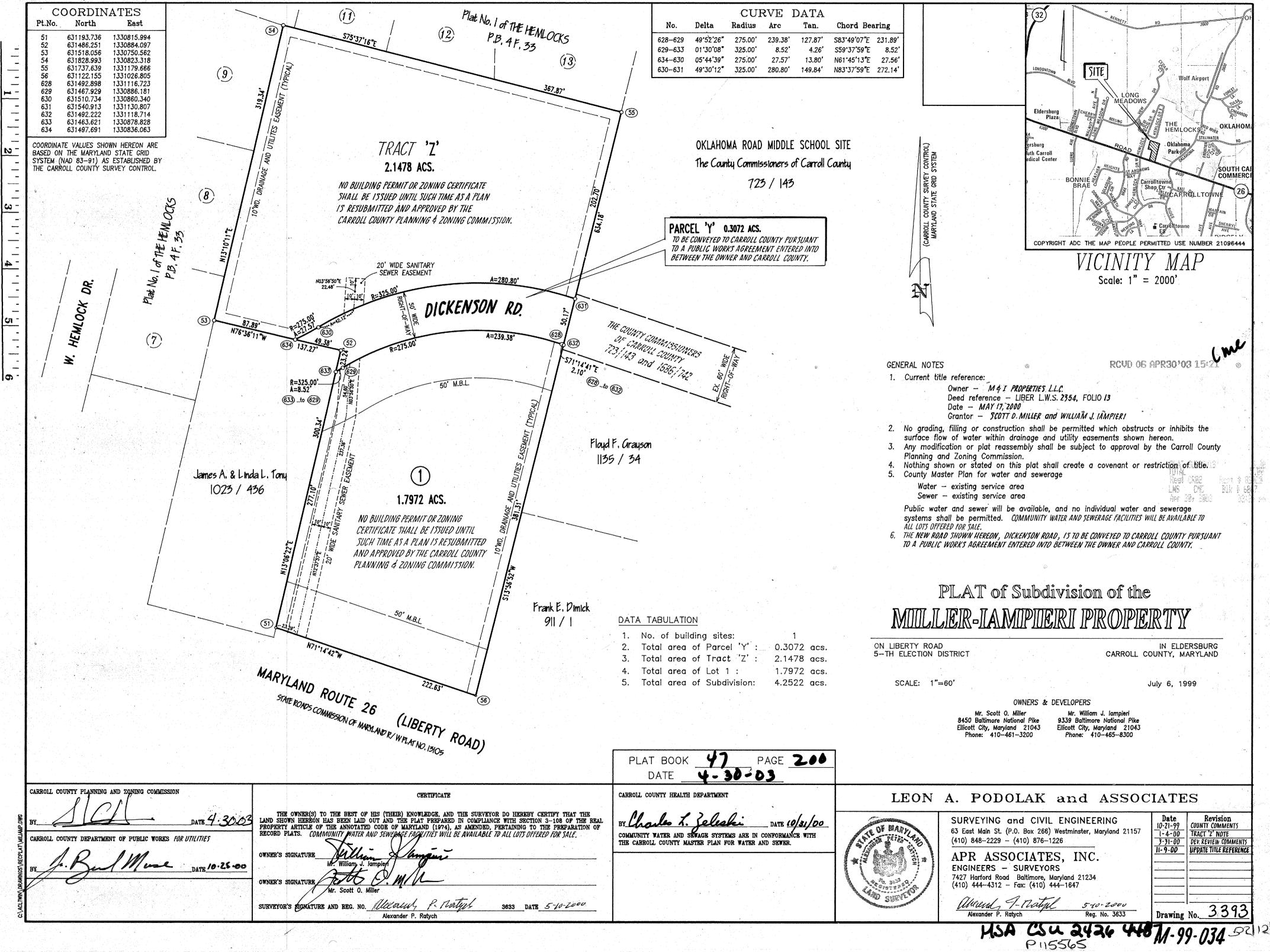


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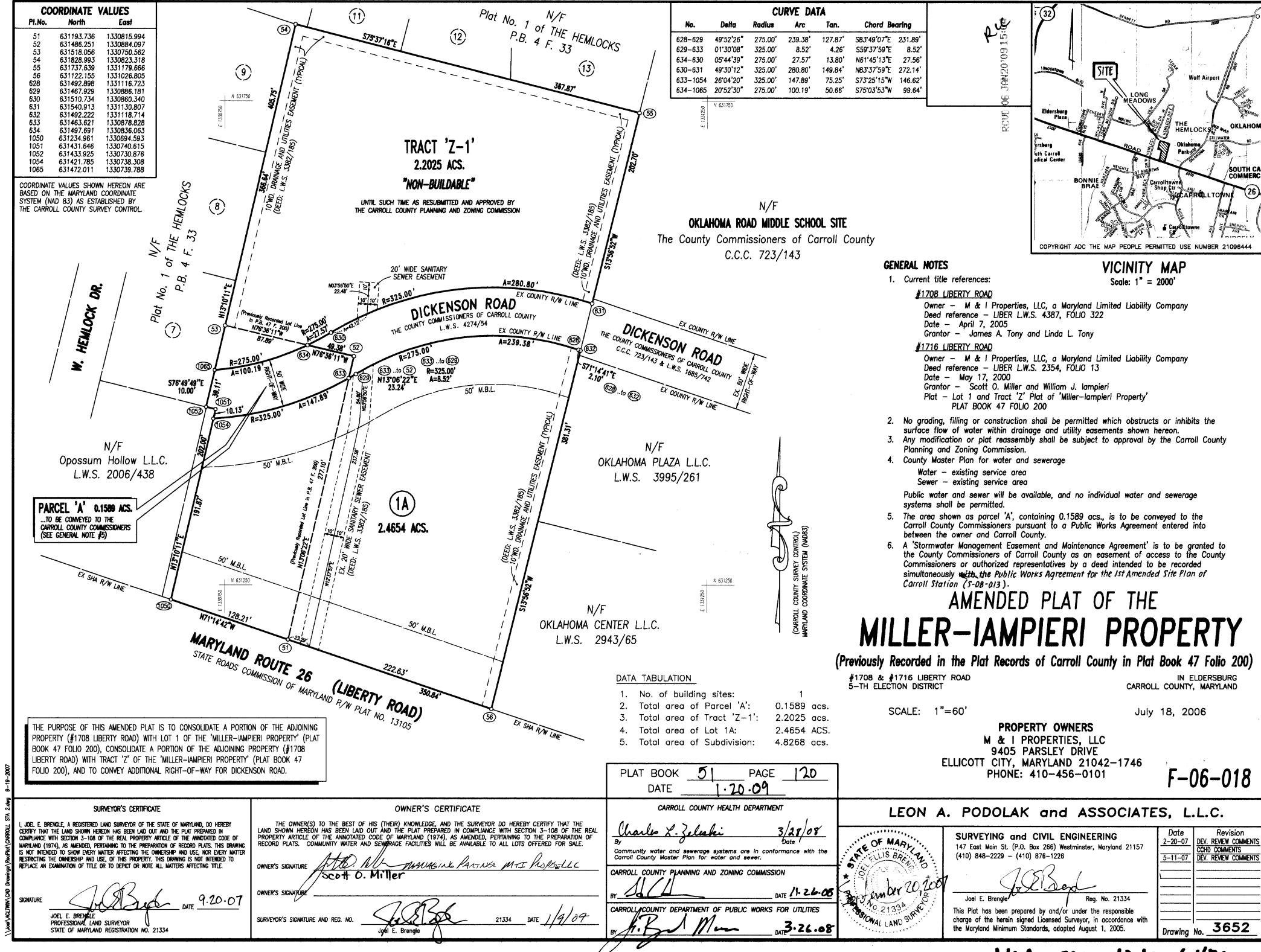
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